

EXHIBIT 15

SENTENCING ORDER

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE
FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING STANDARDS CODE: 540

Hearing Date: JULY 15TH, 2019

Judge: RICHARD E. MOORE

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

v.

JAMES A. FIELDS, DEFENDANT

This case came before the Court for sentencing of the defendant, who appeared in Court in custody, with his attorneys DENISE LUNSFORD and JOHN HILL. JOSEPH PLATANIA, Commonwealth's Attorney and NINA ANTONY, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, represented the Commonwealth.

On December 7th, 2018, pursuant to the jury's verdict, the defendant was found guilty of the following offense:

CHARGE NUMBER	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION AND INDICATOR (F/M)	OFFENSE DATE	VA. CODE SECTION	VA CRIME CODE
17-296-01	First Degree Murder (F)	08/12/17	18.2-32	MUR0925F2
17-296-02	Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51	ASL1334F3
17-296-03	Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51	ASL1334F3
17-296-04	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-05	Leaving The Scene Of An Accident (F)	08/12/17	D.46.2-894	HIT6608F5
17-296-06	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-07	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-08	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-09	Aggravated Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51.2	ASL1336F2
17-296-10	Malicious Wounding (F)	08/12/17	18.2-51	ASL1334F3

The presentence investigation report and sentencing guidelines were considered and are ordered filed as a part of the record in this case in accordance with the provisions of Code §19.2-299.

Additional evidence was presented by the Commonwealth.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Code §19.2-298.01, the Court has considered and reviewed the applicable discretionary sentencing guidelines and the guidelines worksheets. The sentencing guidelines worksheets and the written explanation of any departure from the guidelines are ordered filed as a part of the record in this case.

Defense counsel renewed their previous motions made to the Court and the Court denies such motions for the same reasons previously stated.

Before pronouncing the sentence, the Court inquired if the defendant desired to make a statement and if the defendant desired to advance any reason why judgment should not be pronounced.

The Court adopts the jurors sentencing recommendations and **SENTENCES** the defendant to Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections/incarceration in jail as follows:

CASE NUMBER	SENTENCE IMPOSED	SENTENCE SUSPENDED	ACTIVE TIME
17-296-01	Life Sentence Fine: \$100,000	NONE	Life Sentence Fine: \$100,000
17-296-02	20 years Fine: \$10,000	NONE	20 years Fine: \$10,000
17-296-03	20 years Fine: \$10,000	NONE	20 years Fine: \$10,000
17-296-04	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-05	9 years	NONE	9 years
17-296-06	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-07	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-08	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-09	70 years Fine: \$70,000	NONE	70 years Fine: \$70,000
17-296-10	20 years Fine: \$10,000	NONE	20 years Fine: \$10,000

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These sentences shall run **CONSECUTIVELY** with each other and any other sentence.

The Court requests that the Department of Corrections consider placing the defendant at a facility where mental health treatment and services are available.

The Court **SUSPENDS none of the defendant's sentence, but does impose the following:**

Post Release supervision. In addition to the above sentence of incarceration, pursuant to Code § 18.2-10 and § 19.2-295.2, the court imposes an additional term of **THREE (3) YEARS** of incarceration. This additional three-year term is suspended, conditioned upon successful completion of a **THREE (3) YEAR** period of post-release supervision under the supervision of the Virginia Parole Board. The period of post-release supervision is to commence upon defendant's release from incarceration. The defendant shall comply with all the rules and requirements set by the Virginia Parole Board.

Costs. The defendant shall **pay his court costs during his period of supervision.**

Credit for time served. The defendant shall be given credit for time spent in confinement while awaiting trial pursuant to Code Section 53.1-187.

The defendant was advised by the Court of his right to appeal within 30 days of entry of this order and of his right to proceed in forma pauperis and to have the assistance of court-appointed counsel

11/8/19

ENTER:

DATE

Richard E. Moore

JUDGE

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION:

Alias: N/A SSN: 404-51-1159 DOB: 04/26/97 Sex: M

SENTENCING SUMMARY:

TOTAL SENTENCE IMPOSED: Life plus four hundred nineteen (419) years and four hundred eighty thousand dollar fine.

TOTAL SENTENCE SUSPENDED: NONE.

TOTAL ACTIVE SENTENCE: Life plus four hundred nineteen (419) years and four hundred eighty thousand dollar fine.

TOTAL POST RELEASE SUPERVISION: Three (3) years/three (3) years.

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Sentencing Guidelines Cover Sheet

Complete this form ONLY for applicable felonies sentenced on or after July 1, 2019

Scheduled Sentencing Date:

07/15/19

◆ OFFENDER

First: JAMES Middle: ALEX Last: FIELDS Suffix: _____

Date of Birth:

04	26	1997
Month	Day	Year

 SSN: 404511159

CCRE: VA2445248J CORIS Offender ID: 1913360 PSI #: 454106

◆ COURTJudicial Circuit 16 City/County: CHARLOTTESVILLE FIPS Code: 540

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Sentencing Judge's Name: RICHARD E. MOORE

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Preparer Name: RACHEL BIBB

 Commonwealth's Attorney Probation Officer

Prosecuting Commonwealth's Attorney: JOSEPH PLATANIA

Defense Attorney: DENISE LUNSFORD/JAMES HIL

◆ CONVICTIONS**Offense**

Primary Offense

MURDER: 1ST DEGREE

Counts**VCC****Offense Date**

1	MUR	0925	F2	Month	8	Day	12	Year	17

3	ASL	1334	F3	Month	08	Day	12	Year	17

5	ASL	1336	F2	Month	08	Day	12	Year	17

Primary Offense Code Section § 18.2-32

Docket Number CR1700029601

◆ METHOD OF ADJUDICATION Jury Trial Sentence Set by Jury:

419	0	0
Years	Months	Days

 Life Juvenile Fine Only Bench Trial Guilty Plea Alford Plea/Nolo contendere**◆ SENTENCING GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATION****Section B**

- Probation/No Incarceration
- Incarceration 1 Day to 3 Months
- Incarceration 1 Day to 6 Months
- Incarceration 3 to 6 Months
- Probation/No Incarceration or Incarceration to 6 Months

Section B
Mandatory Minimum

yyyy/mm/dd

Section C

- Life Sentence
- Incarceration. (Enter Midpoint and Range Below)

Range Midpoint

54	10	0
Years	Months	Days

Sentence Range

41	2	0
Years	Months	Days

 TO

68	7	0
Years	Months	Days

 Non Guidelines Offense

(Primary offense is a non guidelines offense)

 Recommendation Adjusted for Mandatory Minimummade part of record
REK 7/15/19

◆ **Final Disposition** Fill In After Sentence Has Been Pronounced

◆ **SENTENCE**

FIELDS, JAMES ALEX

Total Time Imposed Before Suspension

Life Sentence +

Years	419	Months	0	Days	0
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Total Effective Time to Serve

Life Sentence +

Years	419	Months	0	Days	0
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Sentenced to Time Served

Post Release

Post Release Term § 18.2-10

3	0	0
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Post Release Supervision Period § 19.2-295.2(A)

3	0	0
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Probation Period (Supervised) § 19.2 - 303

Indefinite

0	0	0
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Good Behavior Period § 19.2 - 306

0	0	0
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Check all that apply

Incarceration Sentence to Run Concurrently With Another Sentencing Event
 Written Plea Agreement Accepted = Rule 3A:8(c)(1) (A) or (C)
 Plea and Recommendation Accepted = Rule 3A:8(c)(1)(B)
 Oral Sentence Recommendation Accepted
 Restitution \$

480,000.00

Fine \$

480,000.00

Other Sentencing Programs (check all that apply)

Day Reporting
 Detention Center Incarceration
 Diversion Center Incarceration
 Electronic Monitoring
 Intensive Probation
 § 18.2-251/§ 18.2-258.
 Substance Abuse Treatment

Community-Based Program

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 CCAP Detention/Diversion Center Incarceration, 22-28 weeks
 CCAP Detention/Diversion Center Incarceration, 42-48 weeks
 Drug Court

Office Use Only

 Youthful Offender

Office Use Only

 DJJ Commitment Indeterminate Determinate
 Other

Office Use Only

upward

◆ **REASON FOR DEPARTURE**

Must be completed pursuant to § 19.2-298.01(B)

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Jury verdict - 10 charges

murder + multiple aggravated malicious wounding

Extremely gruesome, horrible case.

Extreme malice + hatred + ill will; severe injuries, defenseless victims

◆ **SENTENCING DATE**

07 · 15 · 19

Michael E. Moore
Judge's Signature

◆ **ATTACH COURT ORDER AND MAIL** Pursuant to § 19.2-298.01(E)

After sentencing, send to:

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Murder/Homicide  **Section A**Offender Name: FIELDS, JAMES ALEX**◆ Primary Offense**

		(scores for attempted/conspired offenses are in parentheses)
A.	First degree murder	Completed: 1 count..... 9 Attempted or conspired: 1 count..... (8)
B.	Second degree murder or felony homicide	Completed: 1 count..... 8 Attempted or conspired: 1 count..... (4)
C.	Voluntary manslaughter	Attempted, conspired or completed: 1 count..... 5
D.	Involuntary manslaughter	Completed: 1 count..... 1 2 counts..... 3 Attempted or conspired: 1 count..... (1)
E.	Involuntary manslaughter-vehicular	1 count..... 8
F.	Aggravated vehicular manslaughter	1 count..... 8

Score

9

◆ Primary Offense Remaining Counts Total the maximum penalties for counts of the primary not scored above

Years:	5 - 17.....	5
	18 - 27.....	6
	28 - 37.....	7
	38 or more.....	8

0

◆ Additional Offenses Total the maximum penalties for additional offenses, including counts

Years:	Less than 1.....	0
	1 - 7.....	4
	8 - 17.....	5
	18 - 27.....	6
	28 - 37.....	7
	38 or more.....	8

8

◆ Weapon Used

None.....	0
Automobile, simulated weapon or other than listed below.....	4
Knife or firearm.....	5

4

◆ Conviction in Current Event Requiring Mandatory Minimum Term (6 mos or more) If YES, add 7  0**◆ Prior Convictions/Adjudications** Total the maximum penalties for the 5 most recent and serious prior record events

Years:	Less than 1.....	0
	1 - 12.....	1
	13 - 28.....	2
	29 - 42.....	3
	43 or more.....	4

4

**SCORE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF PRIMARY OFFENSE AT CONVICTION IS
E OR F: INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER WITH A VEHICLE (§ 18.2-36.1(A) OR (B))**

◆ Prior Criminal Traffic Misdemeanor Convictions/Adjudications

Number of Counts:	1.....	2
	2.....	4
	3.....	5
	4.....	6
	5 or more.....	7

0

Total Score

If total is 7 or less, the guidelines sentence is Probation/No Incarceration or
Incarceration to 6 Months. If total is 8 or more, go to Section C.

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Murder/Homicide  **Section C**

Offender Name: FIELDS, JAMES ALEX

◆ Primary Offense

A. First degree murder

Completed: 1 count

1 count

2 counts

Attempted or conspired: 1 count

Prior Record Classification

 Category I Category II Other

(scores for attempted/conspired offenses are in parentheses)

Life 596 335
Life 652 367
(120) (118) (59)

B. Second degree murder or felony homicide

Completed: 1 count

354 236 205

Attempted or conspired: 1 count

(120) (118) (59)

C. Voluntary manslaughter

Completed: 1 count

120 96 48

2 counts

180 120 60

Attempted or conspired: 1 count

(60) (48) (24)

2 counts

(96) (48) (24)

D. Involuntary manslaughter

Completed: 1 count

76 38 19

Attempted or conspired: 1 count

(60) (38) (19)

E. Vehicular Involuntary manslaughter

Completed: 1 count

80 40 20

2 counts

232 116 58

3 counts

320 160 80

Attempted or conspired: 1 count

(60) (38) (19)

F. Aggravated vehicular manslaughter 1 count

213 142 71

Score

335

or

Life

0

◆ Primary Offense Remaining Counts Assign points to each count of the primary not scored above and total the points

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

Maximum Penalty (years)

Points

Life 34

Primary offense: All other offenses

Maximum Penalty (years)

Points

5 5

10 11

20 21

40 42

0

◆ Additional Offenses Assign points to each additional offense (including counts) and total the points

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

Maximum Penalty (years)

Points

Less than 1 0

1 1

2 2

3 3

4 3

5 4

10 9

20 17

30 26

40 or more 34

Primary offense: All other offenses

Maximum Penalty (years)

Points

Less than 1 0

1 1

2 2

3 3

4 4

5 5

10 11

20 21

30 32

40 or more 42

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◆ Prior Convictions/Adjudications Assign points to the 5 most recent and serious prior record events and total the points

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

Maximum Penalty (years)

Points

Less than 1 0

1, 2 1

3 2

4, 5 3

10 7

20 14

30 20

40 or more 27

Primary offense: All other offenses

Maximum Penalty (years)

Points

Less than 2 0

2, 3 1

4, 5 2

10 3

20 6

30 10

40 or more 13

27

◆ Weapon Used, Brandished, Feigned or Threatened

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

If YES, add 32

Primary offense: All other offenses

Do Not Score

32

◆ Legally Restrained at Time of Offense

Primary offense:

A. Completed first degree murder

If YES, add 13

Primary offense: All other offenses

If YES, add 2

0

SCORE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF PRIMARY OFFENSE AT CONVICTION IS
E: INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER WITH A VEHICLE (§ 18.2-36.1(A))**◆ Type of Additional Offense**Additional offense of felony Hit and Run (§ 46.2-894) or
Victim Permanently Impaired, DWI (§ 18.2-51.4(A))

37

0

Total Score

See Murder/Homicide Section C Recommendation Table for guidelines sentence range.

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Murder/Homicide/Section C

◆ Additional Offenses

Continuation Sheet

Offender Name: _____

Offense	Counts	VCC	Offense Date
		HIT 6608 F5	Month Day Year
3. FAIL STOP ACCIDENT/FEL DEATH	1		08 12 17
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